

The maintenance of a free press in its various forms is vital to the maintenance of the American Republic. Those entrusted with maintaining such a free press do no less than undermine the Republic if the public interest is brought to ruin by an action that would hand over control of the Nation's channels of information to a few plutocratic interests. Sanctioning the sole ownership of 35% (or 70% if counted in UHF units) of the public's airways stands already as a crime of historical proportions. Further surrender of the airways to a commercial oligarchy, along with sanctioning further convergence of the forms of media in its hands, would constitute a crime of secular proportions against the Republic. Let me remind you, sirs, before proceeding on a very dangerous course, that treason knows no statute of limitations.